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IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re the Application of: Henrik STENDER et al.

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Examiner: J. Fredman

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Sir:

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Applicants wish to thank Examiner Jeffrey Fredman for the courteous consideration rendered to Applicants' representative during a telephone conversation on May 8, 2002.

Applicants' representative had telephoned the Examiner, asking for the status with respect to the New Notice to File Missing Parts of Application (CPA) mailed January 4, 2002, in view of the final Office Action mailed January 8, 2002. The Examiner reported that the Notice to File Missing Parts remains in effect, which renders null and void the final Office Action.

Respectfully submitted,

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